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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GE

SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST GDR EMBASSY, WASHINGTON

1. ON MARCH 20, GDR EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT IT
HAD RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON
THREATENING TO KIDNAP ONE OF GDR SKATERS NOW ON US-
CANADIAN TOUR WITH WINNERS AT RECENT WORLD SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS OR MEMBER OF EMBASSY UNLESS FUNDS FROM
BLOCKED ACCOUNT AT GDR BANK RELEASED. FBI AND POLICE
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DEPARTMENTS IN CITIES WHERE SKATERS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM

WERE ALERTED AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE TO PLACE TRACING DEVICE ON GDR EMBASSY TELEPHONE TO AID IN TRACING SECOND CALL, WHICH CALLER SAID WOULD BE MADE ON MARCH 24.

2. SECOND CALL CAME ON MARCH 25, AND WAS TRACED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY TO TORONTO, ALTHOUGH CALLER HUNG UP BEFORE EXACT LINE COULD BE IDENTIFIED. CALLER THREATENED TO BURN EMBASSY (LOCATED ON EIGHTH FLOOR OF OFFICE BUILDING) UNLESS FUNDS FROM ACCOUNT NR. 66511-47-12802 OF BEHREN STRASSE BANK, EAST BERLIN DELIVERED TO EMBASSY. CALLER SAID HE WOULD CALL IN FOUR DAYS TO ARRANGE FOR PICK UP OF FUNDS.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS ALERTED CANADIAN AUTHORITIES AND HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FROM LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS FOR BOTH SKATERS AND GDR EMBASSY. ADDITIONAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO TRACE CALL IN EVENT THIRD CALL IS MADE. LEGAL ATTACHE BONN HAS ALSO BEEN ADVISED AND MAY BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY BERLIN.

4. IN EVENT GDR SHOULD APPROACH EMBASSY ON THIS SUBJECT, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE THAT US AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN ALL POSSIBLE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND IS COOPERATING WITH GDR EMBASSY. EMBASSY BERLIN SHOULD REPORT ANY GDR REACTION. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOP ON BEHREN STRASSE BANK WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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